Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dana Dykhouse has been the President and CEO of First PREMIER Bank since 1995, which is ranked by the American Bankers Association's Banking Journal as one of the top ten performing financial institutions of its size in the nation since 1997. He has been involved in the financial services industry for 28 years; and,

Whereas, Dana is past Chairman of the Sioux Falls Development Corporation, past Co-Chair of Forward Sioux Falls, past Chairman of Junior Achievement of South Dakota, past Chairman of the South Dakota State University Foundation – served on the Foundation's Council of Trustees, past President of the South Dakota Bankers Association, past Chairman of the Sioux Empire Fair Association, past Chairman of the Sioux Empire United Way Campaign, and numerous other committees through time and money; and,

Whereas, Dana is currently co-chair of **It Starts at STATE**: A Campaign for South Dakota State University, which is the largest higher education fundraising drive in state history with a goal to raise $200 million to support the university's strategic vision and goals of higher education; and,

Whereas, Dana has led by example and invested his time, energy, and money into making the state of South Dakota a better place to live and conduct business, and if you ask Dana if "Banking on South Dakota" has been a wise investment, you are likely to see a big smile from this transplanted Iowa boy, as he discusses all the state has to offer and the people that make it great; and,

Whereas, Dana, a deserving recipient of the South Dakota Sales and Marketing Executive of the Year Award for 2012, will receive this honor on February 28, 2012:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2012, as

DANA DYKHOUSE DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State